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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jerome F. McAleer et al. Confirmation No.: 1254  
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Title : Disposable Test Strips With Integrated Reagent/Blood Separation Layer  
  
Art Unit : 1753  
Examiner : Noguerola, Alexander S.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In response to the Final Office Action of December 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.